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HOUSE RESOLUTION 216  
By Boyer

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ms. Martha Gail Fox on the  
occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm, giving unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource—our children; and

WHEREAS, Martha Fox is one such extraordinary educator who has served with probity for over 40 years with the Knoxville City Schools and the Knox County School System; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fox has served her school and her students with enthusiasm, industry, and singular acumen as an exceptional teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fox is an active and important part of the community and her profession, participating in numerous civic organizations, including Agriculture in the Classroom; and

WHEREAS, Martha Fox's excellence and unprecedented devotion as an educator and role model for young people has long been recognized, as evidenced by her winning "Teacher of the Year" for the Knoxville City School System; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fox is an extremely patient and giving person who motivates her students to reach their full potential, perhaps the greatest of all teaching gifts; and

WHEREAS, eager to lend a helping hand to those in need, Martha Fox is always willing to go the "extra mile" by tutoring and volunteering her time to helping others; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fox exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Martha Fox is most appreciative of the love and support she receives from her cocker spaniel, Blondie, and her two nieces, Donna and Deana, who is also a teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fox is a never-ending source of inspiration to those who know and cherish her, and she is tremendously admired by students and faculty alike; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and friend, Martha Fox is the perfect example of a person totally committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service, and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Ms. Martha Gail Fox our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.